

HONORING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF STAFF SERGEANT WAYNE CARRINGER

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, September 28, 2008

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Staff Sergeant Wayne Carringer of Robbinsville, North Carolina, a courageous and highly decorated World War II veteran who was held for almost three and a half years as a prisoner of war.

Staff Sgt. Carringer enlisted in the Army in September of 1939. He survived what has become known as the Bataan Death March, the march from Mariveles to San Fernando where the soldiers, already malnourished and weak, were brutally tortured or killed by the Japanese.

At the end of the march, the soldiers were transported to Camp O'Dell, which Staff Sgt. Carringer has described as a death factory. He was placed into the Zero Ward, the building where the Japanese put the soldiers that were expected to die. Eventually, he was moved to work in the Japanese coal mines, where he endured starvation, malnutrition, torture, beatings, solitary confinement, malaria and slave labor. His weight plummeted to what he estimated was 80 to 85 pounds. After living as a prisoner of war for almost three and a half years, he emerged from captivity after the end of the war to find that the government had declared him dead in 1943. Staff Sgt. Carringer attributes his survival of the horrendous experience to his faith in God, and said that the experience increased his appreciation for his country and in his fellow man.

Every day we enjoy freedoms made possible by this heroic man and the thousands of other members of our military who have risked or given their lives to protect us, to ensure that the United States remains the land of the free and the home of the brave.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the bravery and sacrifice of Staff Sgt. Wayne Carringer, and to thank him for defending and preserving the freedoms that each of us enjoys today.

RETURN THE HERZOG COLLECTION TO ITS RIGHTFUL HEIR

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my continued deep frustration and concern about the injustice suffered by one of my constituents, Martha Nierenberg, an American citizen and Holocaust survivor whose family's artwork was stolen by the Nazis and now is in the hands of the Hungarian government. Mrs. Nierenberg has fought tirelessly to regain her family's legacy, yet the Hungarian government has failed to take morally appropriate steps to set historic wrongs right by returning Mrs. Nierenberg's artwork.

Mrs. Nierenberg grew up in Budapest, surrounded by the paintings collected by her grandfather, Mor Lipot Herzog, an avid art collector who amassed one of the largest private

collections of art in Hungary. When Hitler's troops invaded and occupied Hungary in March 1944, the Hungarian police and the Nazi SS stole the Herzog family art collection as part of the Nazi genocidal efforts to strip Jews of their lives and property. A young Mrs. Nierenberg escaped Hungary and eventually became an American citizen.

After WWII, Hungary, under control of a totalitarian government, came into possession of paintings that had been part of the Herzog Collection. Some of these paintings were even displayed in state-owned museums in Budapest and were described as belonging to the Herzog Collection. Despite agreeing to the 1998 Washington Conference on Holocaust Era-Assets, the government of Hungary has still not returned all of the Nierenberg family's art.

Under the Washington Principles, which the government endorsed, Hungary is required to try to come to a just and fair resolution of claims to Holocaust looted property. Today, I call on President Solymos and Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany to take a moral stand, rectify past wrongs, and return the Herzog collection to its rightful heir, Martha Nierenberg. This injustice has gone on for far too long and must be put right immediately.

KEN TREVETT: CHAMPION FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH IN THE SOUTH BAY

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, the 36th District is known for more than its pristine beaches and year-round sunshine. We have our fair share of beakers and graduated cylinders, too. It is home to groundbreaking scientific discoveries, many of which come out of the Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute in Torrance, formerly known as Harbor-UCLA Research & Education Institute. For the past 55 years, this institution has served as the beating heart of the biomedical research community—the modern cholesterol test and the paramedic model for emergency care are familiar inventions that LA BioMed created.

So, the news that Ken Trevett is leaving LA BioMed after 7 distinguished years as its CEO has left all of us with a sense of genuine loss.

LA BioMed owes its standing in the industry in large part to Ken's ability to commercialize its medical successes. His keen business sense helped efficiently convert new medical discoveries into the technologies that have helped thousands of patients. Ken's efforts propelled LA BioMed's profile in the industry, attracting the best researchers and doctors in the country to its laboratories. And its endowment has nearly quadrupled during his tenure.

Ken's success in science and business is matched by his extraordinary community service. He served as a member of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, South Bay Economic Development Partnership, and the LA Economic Development Corporation, not to mention numerous board memberships at organizations like the American Heart Association. And Ken has taken time to share his expertise and wisdom in classrooms across the South Bay with the next generation of scientists, doctors, and businessmen.

As a member of my "Medicine Cabinet," Ken's voice, though I often rib him about his Boston accent, has played a substantial role in helping shape my decisions on health care policy. His absence will be strongly felt.

I join those whose lives Ken has touched in wishing him and his family continued success at the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research in San Antonio, TX.

HONORING DENNIS J. MAUFORT ON HIS RETIREMENT AS AREA DIRECTOR OF THE USDA IN THE UPPER PENINSULA

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Dennis Maufort on his retirement from the United States Department of Agriculture. Mr. Maufort will be retiring as Area Director for USDA in the Upper Peninsula after more than 37 years. I ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in honoring and thanking Dennis Maufort for his 37 years of service to our community, State, and country.

Born and raised in Menominee, MI, Dennis Maufort is a native of Michigan's Upper Peninsula and has been proud to serve his fellow community members these many years. Dennis Maufort and his wife, Karen, have been married for 34 years. Together they have two wonderful children. Dennis was active in coaching minor league baseball for 4 years and senior league baseball for 5 years in Gladstone while his children were young. He also served as his daughter's fifth and sixth grade basketball coach.

Dennis Maufort graduated from Western Michigan University in 1971 with a degree in agriculture and a minor in general business. He went to work for what was then called the USDA Farmers Home Administration in June 1971 as an Assistant County Supervisor in the Marquette County Office. He served the residents of Marquette, Dickinson, and Alger Counties, providing single-family home loans and working with area farmers to provide loan and grant assistance. Dennis moved to Escanaba in 1977 as Farmers Home Administration County Supervisor. When the District Office was created in 1978 in Escanaba, he became the District Director, supervising six county offices located in Escanaba, Marquette, Ewen, Sault Ste. Marie, Petoskey, and Alpena, MI.

During the farm crisis in the 1980s, Mr. Maufort became involved in the Upper Peninsula Market Livestock recordkeeping project at the Upper Peninsula State Fair. Each person involved in 4-H who is raising an animal for sale at the fair must submit a record book for his or her livestock project documenting how the animal was raised and recording feed and maintenance cost for the animal. Dennis spearheaded the committee of employees who volunteered their time to review and analyzed the record books, interviewed the students, and awarded the ribbons. The committee consists of employees from USDA Rural Development, Farm Service Agency, and Farm Credit Services. Mr. Maufort has also served on the Dairy Science Advisory Council and as an advisor for the Rotational Grazing Project with Michigan State University.